



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
Kayak CUA Equipment Checklist

All kayaking companies that hold a CUA must obtain and use the required equipment for safety and efficiency to operate guided tours along Lake Superior.

Section 1 Kayak Specific Equipment

Tandem Kayak Description

- Must be considered Sea Kayak by standards
- No sit on top kayaks
- Kayaks with 3 bulk heads
 - o Front, middle, back
- Kayaks must have front and back hatches that are secured from opening while in large waves.
- Deck bungees must be present for ease of pulling kayak from emergency perspective or to store extra gear
- Foot pegs must be operational and available in both seating areas
- Bow and Stern carry handles must be present
- Rudder must be available and working with foot pegs
- Seats that are attached and in good shape
- Kayaks must be registered with the state of Michigan and have a MC number on side for commercial purposes
- Examples – Old Town Looksha T

Guide Kayak Description

- Kayaks must have front and back hatches that are secured properly
- Deck bungees must be present for ease of pulling kayak from emergency perspective or to store extra gear
- Foot pegs must be operational and available
- Bow and Stern carry handles must be present
- Rudder must be available and working with foot pegs
- Seats that are attached and in good shape

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Section 2 Provided Equipment

Guest equipment

- Functional and stable kayak paddle
- USCG approved PFD that is adjustable and fitted to each person
- Spray skirt with no tears that has capability to tighten around body
- Guest may use their own PFD if it is USCG approved and stamped
- Guest may use their own paddle
- Whistle
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Section 4

Guide Provided Equipment

- Guide specific PFD with pocket/zip up capability to hold safety equipment
- Spray skirt with no tears that has capability to tighten around body
- Working Marine Radio
- Bilge Pump
- Paddle float
- First Aid kit available when needed
- Whistle